

LIFE IN THE TRENCHES IS NOT ALL FIGHTING

German and French Soldiers Find Time to Establish Friendly Relations.

SOME GOOD-NATURED CONTESTS

One Great Sport Is Shooting at Hares Which Leave Cabbage Patches and Run Between Lines—Target Practice as Pastime.

[Correspondence of Associated Press.] THE HAGUE, November 30.—When a battle is not in progress the best of feeling appears to exist between the French and German soldiers who for two months have faced one another on the long line between Nieuport and Belfort.

So close are the camps to each other that it is possible for the two forces to exchange words. They indulge in good-natured contests, such as shooting at spade targets, with no intention of hitting any one, and competing for hares which run between the lines.

A French soldier writes of these amusements: "A target is painted on a spade and moved through our trench in such a way that it shows about two feet above the ground. The Germans shoot at it. With a stick we indicate the results of their fire, and when one hits the bull's-eye he is rewarded with the wing of a French flag.

"This is another sort of target practice which is very popular. The region around us is full of cabbage fields, and the cabbage fields are full of hares and rabbits. These hares sometimes cross our own private meadow. Immediately both trenches are all aflame. Long-sounding volleys follow the poor little beast. It makes a graceful somersault, throws its ears up in the air and falls a martyr to Europe's militarism.

"Then comes the time to divide our spoils. If Br'er Rabbit expires on the German half, the custom of the country prescribes that a German may leave the trenches and get the prize. That day the German gave dwellers at 'hasenbraten'. If the animal dies on our side, we delegate a man to fetch him, and we eat 'levre fard'. But if he should die most inconsiderately right on the line, then there is trouble. We both rush for our meal while a terrific fire is opened, and we run the risk of being killed by friend as well as by enemy.

"The other day we did not know on which side of the line a hare had died. We looked out of our trenches and the Germans fired. The Germans peeped around the corner and we fired. Finally a court of arbitration took the matter in hand. A loud German voice called out 'tobacco.' We thought that the proposal was fair. One of our men showed the Germans three packages of cigarettes. Then he climbed out of the trench and walked to the dead hare. He deposited his cigarettes and took the hare. Then he returned. A German came and took the tobacco. Five minutes later the Germans were smoking and we were preparing our stew."

The camps frequently entertain each other with singing. And perhaps a few moments later the efforts of both sides will turn to whistling—bullets about one another's heads.

NATIONS AT WAR POSSESS FORMIDABLE AIR FLEETS

Report Submitted by Navy Department Supplementing Testimony of Daniels.

BLUE DISCUSSES PERSONNEL

Service, He Says, Suffering More From Shortage of Officers Than Lack of Enlisted Men—Figures for Campaign in Foreign Waters.

WASHINGTON, December 12.—Despite the extensive use of aircraft in the European war and resulting losses in aeroplanes and dirigibles, the warring powers still possess formidable fleets, according to a report submitted to the House Naval Committee today by the Navy Department. The report showed that early this month Germany had 1,400 aeroplanes and sixty dirigibles; Austria, 600 aeroplanes and eight dirigibles; Great Britain, 900 aeroplanes and twelve dirigibles; France, 1,400 aeroplanes and thirty dirigibles; Russia, 1,000 aeroplanes and twenty dirigibles; Japan, twenty aeroplanes and two dirigibles, and Belgium, sixty aeroplanes.

The report was in connection with the committee's hearings on the naval appropriation bill, and supplemented the testimony of Secretary Daniels, who appeared before the committee on Thursday and yesterday, and will testify again Monday. No session was held today.

BLUE ISSUES STATEMENT

ON PERSONNEL OF NAVY Rear-Admiral Blue, chief of the Naval Academy, today submitted to the committee a statement regarding the personnel of the navy. The service, he said, was suffering more from a shortage of officers than from lack of enlisted men.

"There are 4,546 and twenty line officers short of the number necessary to man the vessels of military value which could be used in time of war," the statement adds. "While there is little doubt that this demand would be met by the ex-service men now in civil life, confusion and delay would result unless an organization was perfected prior to the outbreak of war."

"Shortage of officers is more serious than that of men. It will necessarily be several years before the requirements can be met, as the supply of officers is regulated by the naval academy yearly output. From captain to admiral, officers are being promoted at an age that will permit of very little service in the latter grade before retirement. A board which has been considering these conditions is now preparing its report."

Of the expense of campaigns carried on across the water at any great distance, Admiral Blue said: "I worked out the figures some time ago, and found that to keep our fleet supplied with fuel and provisions while operating 5,000 to 6,000 miles from its base in the United States, about 200 merchant vessels would be required. Naturally, we would hope to get these vessels from the merchant marine."

Reckless Driving Charged. Thomas Funn, an eighteen-year-old negro, was yesterday afternoon arrested by Detective-Sergeants Krenkel and Whitire on a charge of recklessly and carelessly driving a team along Broad Street.

ORDINANCE VIOLATORS SCARCE ON SOUTHSIDE

Police of South Richmond Discover But Few Failures to Keep Streets in Spotless Condition.

POLICE COURT IMPOSES FINES

Twenty Individuals and Firms Assessed \$1 Each Yesterday—Many Additional Reports of Alleged Violations Reported Last Night.

South Richmond is the only section of the city which is observing the clean-up ordinance, according to reports made during the last week at the various police stations. Each night there have been reported a number of individuals and firms, for alleged violations of these ordinances which Mayor Werner is now endeavoring to have the public observe, at the First and Second Stations, but with the exception of possibly three nights there have been no reports recorded at the Third Station. Presumably the Southside streets are immaculate.

Last night was no exception to the daily routine, which has now become a rule. No reports were found on the books of the Third Station, while at the First Station twenty persons and firms were reported, and at the Second Station there was a total of eight. Persons and firms reported at the First Station were: Overman & Williams & Co., 320 North Eighteenth Street; J. H. Burke, 308 North Eighteenth Street; Mrs. Charles, 324 North Eighteenth Street; Nathaniel Ray & Co., 280 North Eighteenth Street; C. H. Hagen, 1000 East Broad Street; W. E. Myers, 700 North Seventeenth Street; C. Chappa, 600 North Seventeenth Street; S. and L. Straus, 775 North Seventeenth Street; Richmond Cold Storage, Eighteenth and Clay Streets; Herman Kramer, 508 North Seventeenth Street; Louis Gray, 902 North Seventeenth Street; H. B. Taylor, 920 North Seventeenth Street; C. Saunders, 919 North Seventeenth Street; John Bland, 1000 North Seventeenth Street; C. Jones, colored, 1000 North Seventeenth Street; Leon Gibbs, 1010 North Seventeenth Street; H. Golden, 1039 North Seventeenth Street; A. Berman, 1336 North Seventeenth Street; J. M. Allen, 1201 North Seventeenth Street; and C. Price, 500 North Seventeenth Street.

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helements were charged with violating the street cleaning ordinances by allowing trash and vegetable matter to remain on the sidewalks and in the alleys near their houses. The reports at the Second Station were as follows: E. Friedlander, 608 Charity Street; A. Hosen & Co., Sixth and Canal Streets; John A. Hutchman, Sixth and Cary Streets; Richmond Pharmacy, 528 East Main Street; O. L. Sturman, 507 East Main Street; C. R. Howell, 412 Golden Street; Harriett Dickinson, 516 North Sixth Street; and Vito Carso, 505 North Sixth Street. Charges of violating the street cleaning ordinances were entered against these persons. Justice Crutchfield yesterday fined twenty persons \$1 each in the Police Court when they were arraigned on charges of violating the ordinances which policemen, especially assigned to the work, are endeavoring to enforce by hailing violators into court. Justice Crutchfield has indicated his intention of imposing these fines in every case where the evidence warrants a conviction.

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Mr. George W. Close, No. 121-2 Nevada Bldg., Denver, Colo., writes: "I have all the faith in the world in your medicine, as it cured me of catarrh of the stomach."

"I was in a most distressing condition and life looked dark indeed. I could not eat. My food did not do me any good. I gradually lost flesh and was thin and emaciated."

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If you have any reason to doubt the statements of either one of these gentlemen whose faces accompany this article, just drop them a line enclosing a stamp and see if you do not get a prompt reply verifying and reiterating the words that we have quoted from them. Remarkable statements they are, too. There are five million people in the United States more or less affected with catarrh, who ought to read these words and act upon them.

Mr. Edward M. Burt, 2227 Laclede Ave., St. Louis, Mo., writes: "I have used your medicine for several years, and it has given entire satisfaction, not only in my own family, but also that of others of my friends, and would cheerfully recommend the use of Peruna, as I certainly do endorse your medicine."

Mr. J. B. Reese, Habnab, Maryland writes: "Two years ago I became a sufferer with catarrh, which continued to grow worse and made me miserable. I could scarcely smell at all, and my taste had almost left me. My head ached constantly, and at times had high fever and bleeding at the nose. I was a perfect wreck."

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1 lb. can Good Luck Baking Powder...	8c	Cape Cod Cranberries, 9c per quart, or 3 quarts for...	25c	6 boxes American Sardines...	25c
Shelled Black Walnuts, lb.	35c	Large Crisp Celery, per stalk...	5c	6 Star Naptha Powders...	25c
Whole Grain Rice, lb.	6c	Best Quality New Sour Krout, qt.	7c	4 cans Tomatoes or Sugar Corn...	25c
Large Extra Quality Prunes, 2 lbs.	25c	Large Florida Oranges, per doz.	22c	Pillsbury Best or Ceresota Flour, per barrel...	45c
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